

IV *An Abstract of a Letter from Mr. Samuel Dale, to Dr William Briggs, M. D. F. R. S. Concerning a Contumacious Jaundise, accompanied with a very odd case in Vision.*

Brantree, Oct. the 27th. 1693.

S I R,

THAT you might not think me unmindful of my promise to you when you were at *Brantree*; I have here sent you the Account of my Patient *Grace Dennis*, of *Braxted Magna*, in this County of *Essex*, which you did desire of me.

About *Christmas*, *Anno 1689*. After much grief and trouble of Mind in the foregoing Autumn, the Jaundise began to appear upon her; for which, after having for about nine Months used many Medicines, which were told her by divers of her Friends and Acquaintance, but without Success: She in *September*, 1690. applyed her self to me, to whom I administred divers Medicines, famous in the most Celebrated Authors for the cure of the Jaundise, and which I had often used with Success in the cure of that Disease, yet to her they were of no Benefit: After which she had the Advice of several Learned Physicians in the Countrey, and likewise of some in *London*; but all that could be done for her hath not yet had any Effect, for her Disease yet continues; and her Body which used to be plump and fleshy, is now become lean and emaciated, almost like a Skeleton, and her Appetite is little and depraved.

In *May 1691*. after an extraordinary *Menstrual Flux* for about three Months, she began as soon as the Sun was down, to be deprived of her Sight by degrees until it was quite dark; when altho never so big a fire or many candles were in the Room, yet could she not discern

cern the Object (except a small shining of Light) and so she remained until the Morning as one Stone Blind, when by little and little, as the light encreased her sight returned, until the *Sun* arose, and then she recovered her perfect Sight.

And in this Case she continued, until *August* 1692. when being returned from *Epsom*, where she had been drinking the Waters for about a Month, her sight returned to her again, so that she could see in the night perfectly. Thus she continued until *January* last, when an extraordinary *Menstrual Flux* again seizing her, her Nocturnal sight likewise left her, and she became Blind again as formerly.

Last *July* she was seized with a *Fever*, when her sight again returned and continued for about a Month and then left her as formerly; so that now she hath her Nocturnal Blindness, and her *Faundise* likewise continues.

Thus Sir, I have hereby troubled you with an exact Relation from time to time of matter of fact, and will leave the *Philosophical Solution* thereof, to be decided by the better Judgments of your self and others. in the mean time subscribe my self,

Sir, Yours, &c.